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# THE IMPACT OF A NOVEL BIOBEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION ON PHYSIOLOGIC STATE, PERCEIVED STRESS AND AFFECT

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Background: Our nation is suffering from the consequences of the stresses associated with the past 16 years of war. <sup>1-3</sup> US employers spend \$300 billion a year for employee medical care and lost days from work due to stress. <sup>4</sup> The search for innovative and cost effective means of mitigating the effects of stress is needed now more than ever and was the basis for this pilot investigation. Laughter yoga (LY) fosters positive emotions, engagement, relationships, meaning and accomplishment (PERMA), the active components of wellbeing that make up the evidence-based model of wellbeing developed within the field of Positive Psychology. <sup>5</sup> Our study's purpose was to explore the practice of the biobehavioral intervention, LY, as an intervention to mitigate the physiologic and psychological effects of stress for a military graduate student population.

Materials & Methods: Mixed method quasi-experimental pre-test post-test wait-listed group design. Participants included 41 military medical and allied health graduate students age 23-52 (*M*=31), randomly assigned to experimental and wait-listed control groups. The experimental group met for an hour LY session twice a week for first two weeks, while control continued with usual activities. Wait-listed control participated in LY during weeks three and four, while experimental group then returned to regular academic and life behaviors. Measures were collected at baseline, after two weeks and then again after four weeks. Physiologic measures and self-report measures were also collected before and after each laughter yoga session. Outcome measures included: heart rate variability, peak expiratory flow rate, Perceived Stress Scale, Positive Affect Negative Affect Scale, Patient Health Questionnaire 8, Standard Form 36, and Connor-Davidson Resilience Scale scores, as well as participant responses to open-ended questions. Data analysis conducted using SPSS (v.22) for parametric and nonparametric testing; thematic analysis of open ended responses to

**Results:** Subjects showed statistically significant decreases in measures of heart rate variability and increases in peak expiratory flow rate, positive affect, resilience and general health and mental health scores when compared to baseline. Participants reported improvements in mood, relationships and health behaviors in responses to openended questions.

**Conclusions:** This pilot study provides preliminary evidence that laughter yoga may improve peak expiratory flow rate, psychological health and lead to unexpected benefits in personal, social and professional relationships.

**Key Words:** Laughter Yoga, Heart Rate Variability, Peak Expiratory Flow Rate, Perceived Stress, Positive Affect, Resilience

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